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## PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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PETITION FOR INVESTIGATION OF  
QUESTION CONCERNING REPRESENTATION☐ Amended Petition in Case \_\_\_\_\_Instructions: [www.perc.wa.gov/Forms/E-1-inst.pdf](http://www.perc.wa.gov/Forms/E-1-inst.pdf) Applicable Rules: Chapters 10-08, 391-08 and 391-25 WAC.

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## 1. PARTIES The petitioner claims that a question concerning representation exists involving certain employees of the employer named below.

EMPLOYER City of LyndenCONTACT PERSON Bill Verwolf - City AdministratorADDRESS 323 Front StreetCITY, STATE, ZIP Lynden, WATELEPHONE 360-354-4270 ext. \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL 360-354-2027ATTORNEY OR  
REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PETITIONER IAFF Local 106 B'ham/Whatcom County FirefighterCONTACT PERSON Rob Wilson - PresidentADDRESS PO Box 1024CITY, STATE, ZIP Bellingham, WA, 98227TELEPHONE 360-224-4989 ext. \_\_\_\_\_FAX 360-933-1144E-MAIL wilson98232@msn.comATTORNEY OR  
REPRESENTATIVE Alex J. SkalbaniADDRESS Emmal Skalbani & Vinnedge  
3600 15th Ave W., Suite 303CITY, STATE, ZIP Seattle, WA 98119-1330TELEPHONE 206-281-1770 ext. \_\_\_\_\_FAX 206-281-1772E-MAIL askalbani@aol.comINCUMBENT BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE *Indicate one.*

- ☐ The parties are not currently represented for bargaining; OR  
☐ The employees involved are currently represented by the organization below:

ATTORNEY OR  
REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION IAFF Local 3867CONTACT PERSON Ray DavidsonADDRESS 9408 Odell StreetCITY, STATE, ZIP Blaine, WA, 98230-9753TELEPHONE 360-676-5064 ext. \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL fireranger13@earthlink.net2. DESIGNATION OF REQUEST *Indicate one.*☐ **RECOGNITION REQUEST** The petitioner requests certification as exclusive representative of the bargaining unit.☒ **CHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVE** The employees in the bargaining unit desire to designate the petitioner as their exclusive bargaining representative.☐ **DECERTIFICATION** The employees in the bargaining unit no longer wish to be represented by any employee organization.☐ **EMPLOYER PETITION - DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION** The employer has been presented with one or more demands for recognition (per attached documentation) and requests a determination by the Commission.☐ **EMPLOYER PETITION - INCUMBENCY QUESTIONED** The employer has a good faith belief (per attached documentation) that a majority of employees no longer desire to representation by the incumbent bargaining representative.4. OTHER RELEVANT FACTS *Indicate one.*☒ Additional information is set forth on separate sheets of paper attached to this petition.

## 5. SHOWING OF INTEREST

A petition filed by an organization or employees must be accompanied by a showing of interest indicating that the petitioner has the support of 30% or more of the employees in the bargaining unit.

## 3. BARGAINING UNIT

EMPLOYER'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS

City Government

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION INVOLVED

Fire DepartmentCOLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT *Indicate one.*☐ The parties have never had a contract; OR☒ A copy of the parties' current (or most recent) collective bargaining agreement is attached.NUMBER OF  
EMPLOYEES  
IN UNIT 6DESCRIPTION *Indicate inclusions, exclusions, contract page or case/decision number.*

Represented Lynden Firefighters have elected, by a majority of its members, to merge with all Whatcom County Union Firefighters from 6 different agencies and 7 bargaining units into IAFF Local 106 Bellingham/Whatcom County Firefighters.

## 6. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR PETITIONER

PRINT NAME ROBERT A. WilsonTITLE LOCAL 106 PRESIDENTSIGNATURE Rob A.DATE 05/29/09



## Bellingham Fire Fighters

Local #106

P.O. Box 1024, Bellingham, Washington 98227



Bill Verwolf  
City Administrator  
323 Front Street  
Lynden, Washington  
98264

May 29, 2009

Dear Mr. Verwolf,

I am happy to announce that the Represented Firefighters of Lynden Fire Department have elected to merge with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 106 Bellingham/Whatcom County Firefighters. Local 106 has a long history representing Firefighters dating back to 1918.

The new combined Local 106 will represent all Union Professional Firefighters in Whatcom County. Representing Firefighters from Lynden Fire, North Whatcom Fire and Rescue, Fire District 4, Fire District 8, Bellingham Airport and Bellingham Fire.

We have filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) a change of representative Form E-1 and we expect approval from the IAFF to merge at the June 18, 2009 Executive Board Meeting.

Local 106 anticipates the merger to be official on July 1, 2009.

The Bargaining Unit Representative for Lynden Fire Department will continue to be Michael Whitley.

We look forward to working together with You and the City of Lynden providing quality Fire and EMS service to the citizens of your fine City.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Wilson  
President  
IAFF Local 106  
Bellingham/Whatcom County  
Firefighters  
(360) 224-4989